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KMT PROTEST OVER SOVIET INTERVENTION

Matter to be brought before United Nations FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT

Taipei, April 5.

Definite Soviet participation in China's civil war was charged in a formal statement today by the Nationalist Foreign Minister, Mr. George Yeh.

Navy may aid in Shanghai evacuation

The Royal Navy may take part in the evacuation of British, American and other European nationals from Shanghai.

The Chinese Communists at Shanghai had previously refused to allow the evacuation by the sea. General Gordon with a aid of two civilian-manned LSTs from Japan.

A statement issued by a Royal Navy spokesman in Hong Kong yesterday said: "Negotiations are again in train with a view to enable British, American and other European nationals to leave Shanghai by sea."

"Certain preliminary measures with regard to shipping are being taken. Until the necessary approval is received, no definite plans can be made or information given."

A Butterfield and Swire ship, the ss. Anking, is due to take part in the evacuation of foreign nationals from Shanghai when the ship is ready to leave the city, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

FRENCH CLIM SUCCESS II INDO-CHINA

Paris, April 5. An official communiqué issued in Saigon today said that at least 400 Vietnamese (Indo-Chinese Nationalists) were killed and many wounded during recent fighting at Travin in Southern Indo-China.

The communiqué said that between March 26 and April 2, four violent engagements took place in this area.

The communiqué stated that 3,000 Vietnamese troops took part in the operation and killed a large quantity of arms was captured by French troops.—Reuter.

ARMED RDS ROUNDUP IN TAIWAN

Taipei April 5. The Nationalist Bureau of Security announced tonight the smashing up of armed Communist rings in the hill town of Taichang between March 24 and 31. Nineteen Communists were arrested in the roundup. Four of them were subsequently killed and three wounded while attempting to escape.

In rounding up the Communists the Nationalists seized a quantity of munitions.—Reuter.

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At 0800 GMT (10 AM KST) a depression over Southern Japan is intensifying and moving NE. It is likely to extend to Central China moving South. Pressure is high over Okinawa and in the SW.

Today's Forecast: variable winds. Weather unsettled with occasional rain.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 23.4 deg. Minimum: 18.2 deg. Sunshine: 14 hours.

Rainfall: 1.1 mm. In. Total since Jan. 1: 108.9 mm. In. Total since start of 1949: 114.4 mm.

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Percy Chen says HK Gov't impeding delivery of planes

The Peking Government's legal advisor on the two disputed airlines, CNAC and CATC, said yesterday that he agreed 100 per cent with Chou En-lai's allegation that the Hong Kong Government was impeding delivery of the 70 planes to Communist China.

The advisor, Mr. Percy Chen, would not go into details, but referred reporters to the Hong Kong Government for comment.

Yesterday, a Government spokesman refused to comment on the allegation, adding that the Hong Kong Government intended to give its reply to Peking through normal diplomatic channels.

Mr. Chen said that the Central People's Government were completely free to do what they wanted with the planes and assets of the two airlines.

He added that the "China Mail" editorial of April 5 was not correct when it stated that the Hong Kong Government was responsible for the safety of the assets.

Mr. Chen said: "Legally, the People's Government can fly the planes to China, leave the planes in Hong Kong, or sell them, if they wish."

"They are in control of these planes."

"If the... editorial meant that the Hong Kong Government has the legal responsibility to protect these planes, then that is most certainly true."

He charged that the local airport authorities, before the return of the Director of Civil Aviation, Mr. A. J. R. Moss, had not taken their protective responsibilities seriously enough.

24-hour guard

He said that the airport authorities had refused to allow the Hong Kong Government to employ CATC guards to remain at the airport between 6 p.m. and daylight.

He added that this situation had been corrected now, and that on Tuesday, Mr. Moss had directed that CATC guards be allowed to guard the planes 24 hours a day.

Mr. Chen said: "The sabotage of seven planes was the direct result of the incompetence and treachery of the airport authorities in office before the return of Mr. Moss."

He stated "The propaganda campaign being carried on by the Americans would break down British justice in Hong Kong if it succeeded."

"The Americans have openly stated that they want the Government to bring pressure on the Hong Kong courts. That is deplorable."

"The Executive is therefore under the closest observation by the public to protect the courts from interference."

"The crux of the case is a claim by certain Americans that



MR. PERCY CHEN
("China Mail" photo)

they bought all the shares of the airline as well as the assets by a bona fide transaction from the Kuomintang officials in Taiwan.

Court finding

"The Chief Justice found as a fact that the assets of the airline were in the possession and control of the Central People's Government. He also found as a fact that the assets were all public property used for public purposes for the people of the Chinese Republic."

"It is a lie that the aircraft of the airlines were given to the Chinese Republic by the United States Government as part of lend-lease."

"The details of the CATC aircraft are set out in an affidavit of the Chief Secretary, Mr. Lau, in action 518 of 1949."

Mr. Chen admitted that CATC purchased about 140 planes from United States Army surplus for US\$550,000.

(Sale price of one new C-46 was estimated yesterday at about US\$300,000.)

Mr. Chen said that on March 28, the Americans attempted to get a new injunction, but that the Court refused.

He added: "The position is that the Hong Kong courts place no restriction whatsoever upon the Central People's Government, and they can do whatever they want with their property."

NWA starting Japan-Taiwan service

North West Air Lines at present awaiting approval from the United States Civil Aeronautics Association to start a new flight between Japan and Taiwan, according to Mr. J. P. Farrell, visiting Director of the aviation company yesterday.

Test flights have already been carried out successfully by the airline some 10 days ago and the Chinese Nationalists have also given their permission for the airline's aircraft to go to Taiwan.

At present North West Airlines maintains a handful of officials in Taipei headed by Mr. Milton Morrison, District Sales Manager.

In the Colony, NWA is headed by Mr. F. Farrell. He is assisted by Mr. David Anderson, Mr. Kwan Wing and two other staff members.

SAILORS FINED

Earnest John Day, aged 22, seaman, and Kenneth Jones Kelly, aged 20, both of HMS Alacrity, were fined \$10 by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central on a charge of disorderly conduct and ordered to pay D. E. Kibble \$15 each for malicious damage to his motor-bicycle.

The prosecution story was that a Police constable was on duty at 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday in Colnaght Road Central when near Ice House Street he saw the two defendants push open Private car 1485. After a minute, the defendants left the car and pushed open another car, entered and then left the car.

They did the same thing with another car. After that they walked up to Pedder Street where they pushed a motor bike, the property of Mr. Kibble, to the ground and damaged it to the extent of \$30.

FIRE AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL

Shortly before 9 p.m. last night two fire engines were summoned to the Queen Mary Hospital. Before their arrival, however, the fire was extinguished.

Some of the sweeping brooms stored in the compound of the hospital caught fire. The cause of the fire is not known.

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Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Trippe, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. A. Swanfield, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Teckler, Miss J. Flinn, Messrs. J. Sorby, T. M. Haque, V. Shalom, A. A. Taylor, D. Buchanan, and Captain J. E. Abraham.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mrs. M. Hiron, Mrs. V. Manqueto, Mrs. R. V. Delina, Mrs. M. M. Ubago, Messrs. J. Livegood, J. Brown, H. W. Arnott, R. S. Bennett, C. H. Tucker, S. Godkin and Major J. A. Gaul.

Messrs. J. Rondon, M. Fauveau and Miss Lin Kien-chang left Hong Kong for Malabar yesterday by Air France.

Mrs. W. C. MacDonald, wife of the District Passenger Agent of American President Lines, at Manila, left Hong Kong yesterday by the ss. President Harding for San Francisco.

Among the other passengers who embarked by the ss. President Harding were Messrs. Keith Koons and Ernest Price.

Mr. Hollington Tong, former Nationalist government spokesman, arrived from Tokyo by Canadian Pacific Air Lines yesterday.

Major-General Chaire L. Chen-muk, President of Civil Air Transport, Incorporated, Mr. Whiting Willauer, Vice-President of CAT, Inc., and Mr. Moon Chen, Area Manager of CAT, Inc., left for Taipei by CAT yesterday.

According to an official of CAT, Inc., the aviation executives are going to Taipei to interview various high-ranking Nationalist officials to discuss matters in connection with CAT's operations.

U.S. officials very hopeful on early Japanese treaty

Washington, April 4.

High United States officials said today they were very hopeful that during the next few weeks considerable progress could be made toward realizing the goal of a Japanese peace treaty. They warned, however, it would be unwise, in view of the complexity of the situation, to be over-optimistic as to what might be achieved.

On a basis of United Press conversations with officials concerned with this subject these are the salient points which emerge:

The problem facing the United States with respect to the Japanese peace treaty is divided into two parts. The first—concerns the necessity for the United States government itself, including diplomatic, economic and military officials, to arrive at an agreed position amongst themselves as to just what their treaty position is.

Secondly, there is the matter of reserving procedural question just which countries shall attend the peace conference and under what conditions.

Heretofore it has been impossible for the State and Defense Departments to reach complete agreement on the United States proposed peace treaty terms. This stemmed from an inability to agree upon the method of assuring Japan's post-treaty security.

State Department officials apparently have felt up to now that army officials did not really want the Japanese peace treaty. They exempt from this charge General Douglas MacArthur, who, they believe, sincerely desires convocation of a peace conference at the earliest moment.

However, so far as military planners in Washington are concerned there is said to have been definite opposition on their part to trading their present assured military position in Japan for what they felt was a nebulous assurance of security to be arranged under the treaty terms.

One among those understood to have this feeling was the former Under-Secretary of the Army, Mr. Tracy Voorhees, with whom the State Department was reported never to have had very cordial relations. However, several recent events indicate there is a possibility of the State and Army Departments coming closer together on this subject.

Firstly, Mr. Voorhees has resigned and his successor, yet to be chosen, will not be selected by President Truman until he has been cleared with the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, according to usually reliable informants.

The person most prominently mentioned to succeed Mr. Voorhees is the New York lawyer and educator, Mr. Kenneth Johnson, whose name has been suggested to President Truman for this post. However, so far no definite decision has been made on filling the post.

Another development has been the appointment of Mr. W. Walton Butterworth, Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Far Eastern Affairs, to devote his entire time to Japanese treaty problems. The main significance of this appointment, aside from its symbolic implications, is the fact that Mr. Butterworth had become a congressional "hot potato" in that he intended to effect a "hot" liaison between

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT GRANTED BY COURT

The Supreme Court yesterday granted the application by eight Chinese in custody for the issuance of a writ of habeas corpus against the police and prison authorities.

The Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, ruled that the men's detention was invalid under certain warrants executed at a time when they were already in illegal custody.

The applicants, against whom deportation proceedings were pending, will consequently be brought up in Court at 2.30 p.m. today formally discharged from custody.

They are Chiu Chung-keng, Chiu Yiu, Cheung So, Tsang Wu, Chiu Ying-chung, Chan Kui-kwong, To Yim-kong and Chau Tak. Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. M. A. de Silva, appeared on their behalf.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, was for the Commissioner of Police and the Commissioner of Prisons, the respondents.

The eight applicants were at the premises of the Ping Lok Hattian Workers' Association, 183 Cheungshawan Road, on January 24, when they were originally taken to the police station for inquiries in connection with a case of wounding involving two other persons. On being questioned, they denied having been connected with the actual wounding.

After further inquiries, however, the police, according to their evidence, arrested them on suspicion of counselling or procuring a person to take part in a riot. On January 25, the police on instructions changed the nature of the arrest of the eight men to

detention on reasonable suspicion of being persons liable to deportation. The men were told of this at about 4 p.m.

The next day about noon, applications for warrants for the arrest and detention of the prisoners to the Governor under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance were signed by Sub-Inspector A. Leslie.

The applications were forwarded to the Police Headquarters, from where they were sent to the Governor through the Attorney General's department.

Judge's Remarks

Giving his decision yesterday, Mr. Williams recalled that on March 21, the applicants obtained an order for the issue of a summons to all parties concerned to show cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be issued against the respondents.

The essential facts concerned were as follows: he continued, but the questions at issue depended mainly on the interpretation of the section 51(1) of the Police Force Ordinance, No. 40 of 1948. This section laid out that where such a person in the same position as the applicants in this case is detained in custody in a case brought before a magistrate as soon as practicable, unless within 48 hours of his apprehension a warrant for his arrest under any law relating to deportation is applied for. In this connection, the person may be detained for a period of not more than 72 hours from the time of his apprehension.

After going briefly through the evidence given by the police and the applicants, Mr. Williams said there was no evidence available as to when the applications reached the Governor. It has not been possible to ascertain the exact hour when the warrants were signed. These warrants, he added, were in due course returned to Police Headquarters.

Sub-Inspector Leslie received the warrants on January 30 and thereupon made endorsements on the back to the effect that, by virtue of the warrants, he arrested the persons named therein at 1 p.m. on January 27.

Police powers

Turning to the legal arguments submitted by both sides, the Acting Chief Justice pointed out that under the Police Force Ordinance, the police in Hong Kong have power to arrest, without a warrant, those persons who are in possession of a document which is a counterfeit of a document issued by the police in England.

Under Section 51(1) of the Ordinance, a police officer may detain a person apprehended without a warrant for a period up to 48 hours. If a warrant for his arrest and detention under any Deportation Ordinance is applied for, he could be detained up to 72 hours.

Mr. Williams went on to recall Mr. Bernacchi's contentions that the respondents had not shown that the applications for warrants had reached the Governor within 48 hours of the arrest and that, therefore, they were in illegal custody.

Mr. Williams went on to say that in his opinion, the police had complied with the subsection of the Ordinance concerned, as the applications for warrants were made about noon on January 28—well within the 48 hours.

"Finally Mr. Bernacchi took the point that the Governor's warrants, though signed on January 27, were of no effect until January 28 when Sub-Inspector Leslie explained to the applicants the contents of the warrants."

"He argued that two steps were necessary to give validity to a warrant: issue and execution, and that as Sub-Inspector Leslie had not received the warrants on the expiration of the 72 hours, he ought to have released the applicants forthwith."

Illegal detention

"The applicants ought not to be said to be held on a warrant unless the warrant was executed," Mr. Williams continued, quoting Mr. Bernacchi.

Mr. Lonsdale, he went on, argued that there was no authority to support the contention that the terms of a warrant must be explained to the person to be apprehended before the warrant comes into effect.

Mr. Williams stated that he found that the warrants were issued by the Governor within 72 hours of their arrest, but that the warrants were not executed until about another 18 hours later.

"I am of the opinion that the applicants continued to be under arrest from 8.30 p.m. on January 27 until 12.45 on January 28 by virtue of their original arrest without warrants. During these hours, they were therefore in illegal detention and were so at the time when the warrants were executed at 12.45 p.m. on January 28."

He therefore, ordered that the rule should be made absolute for the writ to issue on the terms of the rule and

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Americans fined for traffic offence

Two Americans, John Reid, and George C. Swear, (latter, an aviator), were fined \$200 each by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of driving a car without a licence.

Reid was cautioned on an additional charge of obstructing a policeman in the performance of his duty.

Traffic Constable Ku Yung-ching testified that on Tuesday evening while on duty in Castle Peak Road he saw second defendant driving car No. HK1139 toward Nathan Road at a speed of 4 miles an hour. He gave chase and caught up with defendant's car at the junction of Nathan Road and Shantung Street.

Second defendant alighted and engaged him in conversation, each speaking in a different language. While they were thus speaking, first defendant drove the car away. He said that he wanted to give chase but was prevented from doing so by the second defendant who took hold of the handle of his motorcycle. He then went to the Mongkok Police Station where a radio message was sent for the apprehension of the car.

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Film actress to visit Hong Kong

Manila, April 5. Film actress Linda Christian, wife of Tyrone Power, will make a short visit to Hong Kong, Bangkok and Bali beginning the latter part of next week. It was learned today.

Miss Christian came to the Philippines with her husband who is making the movie "American Devils in the Philippines." She will spend about one week on a trip—then on to South East Asia. She will be accompanied by Mr. William Gallagher, business manager for Twentieth Century Fox studios. — United Press

REPORTED DEATH OF MINDSZERTY

Vatican City, April 5. Vatican City officials could not confirm nor deny press reports from Budapest of the death of Cardinal Joseph Mindszerty, Primate of Hungary, who was sentenced a few months ago to life imprisonment for "treason, espionage and currency offences."

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PURGE OF REDS IN BRITAIN

London, April 4.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told Parliament today that the Government's purge of Communists from the Civil Service would be resolutely pursued.

He was replying to Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, who asked him to intensify the purge in view of the facts, information and names he had sent him.

Mr. Attlee replied that it was the Government's policy to ensure that no one known to be a member of the Communist Party, or to be associated with it in such a way as to raise legitimate doubts about his reliability, was employed on work vital to the security of the State.

Sir Waldron, who asked almost daily questions in Parliament about alleged Communist infiltration, offered to send the Prime Minister a book called "Socialism is destroying British Freedom" if he would undertake to read it.

Labour Members chuckled when Mr. Attlee replied that the time he could give to works of fiction was strictly limited.

Mr. Martin Lindsay asked if the Prime Minister thought it satisfactory that there should be 2,000 Communists employed as teachers.

Mr. Attlee replied that members of the teaching profession had always laid great stress on the point that whatever their views they did not interfere with their teaching.—Reuter.

BELGIAN CRISIS CONTINUING

Brussels, April 4.
M. Gaston Eyskens, the Belgian Catholic leader and "Carotaker" Premier, was called in by the Regent, Prince Charles, for consultations on the crisis over the future of King Leopold.

This development quickly followed the news that the Liberal leader, M. Albert Devaux, had today given up his week-long attempt to form a Cabinet to deal with the crisis.

M. Devaux was the third Belgian political leader to try to form a government. He was relieved of this task at his own request by Prince Charles.

The aim of the Catholics, according to Paris circles, would be to put King Leopold back on the throne soon after Easter.—Reuter.

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London, April 5.

Mr. Dean Acheson's three recent speeches on American Foreign Policy stand out as the most important recent contributions to the attempt to clarify the position of the major world powers in the international field.

The latest information from Washington and New York suggests that the purpose of the U.S. Secretary of State in making the speeches was as much connected with American domestic politics as with informing the outside world of his country's aims and intentions.

The increasingly hostile attitude of the Republicans towards Mr. Acheson and the lukewarm support is seen by many American observers as placing his continued authority at the helm of American foreign policy in jeopardy.

American officials here are inclined to take the threat to Mr. Acheson's office too seriously. They stress that, in the last resort, the President of the United States alone decides the appointment or removal of his Ministers and Mr. Truman has shown no sign of withdrawing his support for Mr. Acheson.

At the same time, there can be no doubt that Mr. Acheson's decision to travel as far as California to make two of his speeches is consistent with the theory that he wished to make as wide an appeal as possible to American public opinion for support for a continuation of the main lines of the present United States foreign policy.

Realistic appraisal

His Far Eastern speech, made before the return to the United States of Dr. Philip Jessup, who has been on a fact-finding tour of the Far East, was a realistic and unrevolutionary appraisal of the objects and limitations of American policy in that area.

The bitter lessons of China have continued to act cautiously in assisting individual countries to resist the encroachment of Communism.

In South East Asia, as elsewhere, assistance will only be forthcoming if the recipients are able, and ready, to help themselves effectively.

To British eyes, American foreign policy in the Far East still lacks a sharp edge. Whether further study in Washington of the findings of the Jessup mission and the recent Bangkok Conference of United States envoys in South East Asia will end by producing a more definite line, remains to be seen.

Mr. Acheson's speeches, perhaps better than any series of recent pronouncements, throw into perspective the picture of the present state of Great Power relations and the tactics employed by the Soviet Union and the Western powers in the conduct of the cold war.

Isolated blocs

At the United Nations, the situation which has arisen as a result of the controversy over

Chinese representation in the Security Council—by which Russia and China threaten to take no further part in the proceedings of the United Nations at least until the next meeting of the General Assembly in September—is one illustration of the extent to which the world is continuing to divide into two increasingly isolated blocs.

In China itself, many observers are tempted to the cynical conclusion that both American and Soviet policy, whatever their ideological inspiration, are for the present in fact serving to prolong the state of civil war between Communist China and the remaining forces of the Nationalists in Taiwan.

Congressional opinion in the United States still appears to favour American support for the Nationalists who, while they continue to receive this support, remain in a position to threaten Southern China by sea and air, to the extent of nuisance value if not of full-scale civil war.

At Lake Success, British attempts to rally enough votes to produce the required two-thirds majority in favour of the admission of Communist Chinese representation on the Security Council have met with little success.

The United States, it seems, would accept such a majority verdict, but will do nothing to change her own vote.

France adamant

France, since the Russian and Chinese recognition of the Vietnamese regime of Ho Chi Minh, can scarcely cast her vote for Peking's claims, while Ecuador, Egypt and Cuba are still reluctant to throw their decisive weight into the balance to produce a two-thirds majority for Communist China.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, is reported to be becoming increasingly exasperated by the deadlock over Chinese representation. As his office demands, he has appealed to member states to consider the consequences to the United Nations if the present impasse is not removed.

Unless it is, current rumours of a deal between the Western Powers and the Communist bloc can have little real foundation. For if they cannot even agree to co-operate on the common ground of the United Nations, it is difficult to see how they will bring about an improvement in their relations elsewhere.—Reuter.

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ABDULLAH STILL IN HOT WATER

Cairo, April 4.

Ahmed Hilmy Pasha, Premier of the Egyptian-sponsored "All-Palestine" Government gave notice today that he will raise at the next meeting of the Arab League Council King Abdullah's reported plan to annex Arab Palestine.

Arab circles here believe that cession of the Jordan-held Arab area of Palestine will be announced in a speech from the throne at the opening of the new Legislative Assembly of Jordan after General Elections in "East and West" Jordan due on April 11.

The "All-Palestine" Government, also known as the "Gaza Government" but with its seat in Cairo, has been recognised by all Arab Governments except Jordan.

One of its leading members is Haj Amin Husseini, former Mufti of Jerusalem and strong opponent of King Abdullah.

Ahmed Hilmy Pasha made his announcement today to the Arab League Secretariat and at the same time called on the heads of delegations attending the present League session here to enlist their support against King Abdullah's alleged plans.

A crisis in Arab unity threatened last week when Jordan decided to boycott discussions on Palestine and received an "ultimatum" from the League Secretariat to end the boycott.

After obtaining new instructions in Amman, the Jordan Representative joined with the other six Arab States in giving unanimous approval to a resolution to expel any member negotiating separate agreements with Israel. There had previously been rumours that Jordan was negotiating a separate peace with Tel Aviv.—Reuter.

Crisis looms in kingdom of Cambodia

Saigon, April 4.

The newly created independent kingdom of Cambodia in South Western Indo-China is facing a political and military crisis closely linked with Vietminh insurgent activity in neighbouring Vietnam, according to reports received here today.

Intense unrest has broken out in the South Western parts of Cambodia where leaders of the Nationalist Khmers Issarak recently held a secret conference and decided to fight for Cambodia's full independence from France.

The Vietminh insurgent radio has claimed that Nationalist resistance forces in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam have decided to organise a joint military offensive against the French and pro-French forces in all three States. France gave Cambodia independence within the French Union over three months ago, but there is still disagreement on the interpretation of the treaty of independence, and the transfer of power has not yet been completed.

The French authorities here said today that only one aspect of the treaty—the administration of justice—remained to be settled.—Reuter.

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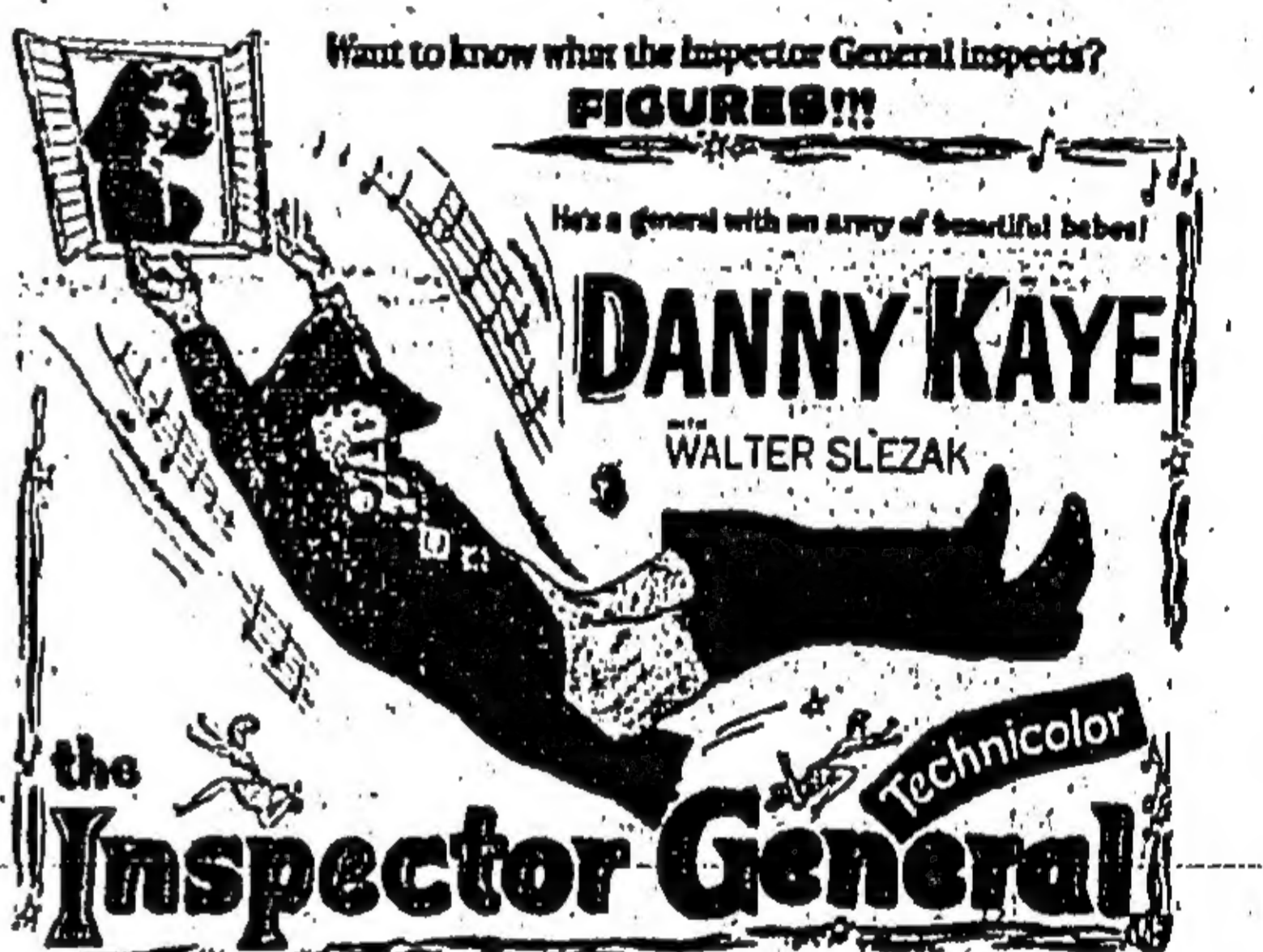
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KREMLIN ACCUSED OF WIDENING EAST-WEST GAP IN GERMANY

Totalitarian tactics condemned by McCloy

London, April 4.

The United States High Commissioner for Germany, Mr. John J. McCloy, tonight accused the Kremlin of seeking to widen the East-West gap in Germany with Nazi tactics.

But he gave this pledge, "The Communists will not succeed in taking over the city of Berlin. We shall stay in Berlin."

"The British, the French and the Americans are fully determined and fully drilled."



John J. McCloy

Reorganising of French high command

Paris, April 4.

France today reorganised the command of her armed forces, destined to play a key role in Atlantic Pact defence plans for Western Europe.

A decree published in the official bulletin set up two separate organisations for the co-ordination of national defence and direction of the armed forces.

1. A permanent General Secretariat charged with the co-ordination of all national defence activities.

2. A Chief of Staff Committee composed of the Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Air Force and Navy, charged with the actual direction of the armed forces.

Both come under the Minister of National Defence under powers given him by the Premier. The General Secretariat will be composed of both officers and civil servants. It is headed by a general officer and his deputy a high civil servant.

Duties of the General Secretariat include mobilisation preparations, financial problems, war economy, psychological action and scientific research.

The Chiefs of Staff committee will be headed either by one of their number or by an officer appointed by the Cabinet. It will have a staff drawn from the three services to co-ordinate inter-service mobilisation, education, transport, communications and armament programmes.

'Guardian' on China issue

London, April 4.

Developments in China have provided conditions which call for a fresh estimation of the Atlantic Treaty, the Manchester "Guardian" said in a special article on Monday.

The Liberal paper said: "Developments in China have provided conditions wherein pressure areas could be shifted from Europe and the West to India and the East."

"A study of the air situation in these regions," the article went on, "arouses disturbing thought about the value of the North Atlantic Treaty and about other measures in that area being taken for the defence of Western Europe."

It said: "The risk seems to be that a large air potential will be built up in the wrong places—that the U.S. and European air staffs may be looking in the wrong direction."

"After reviewing the technical developments designed to meet the new strategic conditions," the article said, "it would follow that there must be a greater dispersal of aircraft manufacturing and servicing resources throughout the Commonwealth countries, particularly Australia and India."

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Gov't majority down to two

London, April 4.

The British Government's effective majority in the House of Commons dropped temporarily to two tonight when the Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. James Glavin, was taken to hospital with a fractured skull.

He was injured during a fall from a tramcar last night. There are now three Labour and two Conservative Members of Parliament in hospital.—Reuter.

Smallpox vaccine to Glasgow

Glasgow, April 4.

The Royal Air Force flew more than 300,000 units of smallpox vaccine to Glasgow on Tuesday to help build up stocks for possible mass immunisation of every person in Western Scotland.

Dr. Stuart Laidlaw, Glasgow Health Officer, said he would order the mass vaccination if more than a few secondary cases appear after the eight-day incubation period which ends today. He said: "By tonight we should have a pretty good idea of how bad the outbreak is. If more than a few secondary cases appear, we will immunise every man, woman, and child in Western Scotland."

An 11-month-old baby girl died of smallpox on Monday night, bringing to two the death toll among the 21 confirmed cases which have raised the fear of an epidemic in Scotland.

The first victim was a woman doctor, Janet Fleming, aged 26 who died last Saturday after refusing to be vaccinated because, she said, she did not believe in it.

The Dublin Department of Health, fearing a spread of the disease across the Irish Sea, sent a nationwide call to all Irish to submit to vaccination.—United Press.

Norway and Cuba, members of the Committee, agreed on Sir Owen but put off proposing him formally to the Council until India and Pakistan give their approval.—United Press.

JERUSALEM PLAN ADOPTED

Geneva, April 4.

The United Nations Trusteeship Council today adopted without opposition a slightly modified form of the 1948 statute to internationalise 100 square miles centred on Jerusalem.

Britain and the United States abstained. The Soviet Union did not take her Council seat owing to the presence of a Chinese Nationalist delegate.

Votes in favour of the statute were: The Philippines, New Zealand, Iraq, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, China, France, and the Dominican Republic.—Reuter.

KASHMIR MEDIATOR

Sir Owen Dixon, Australia's wartime Minister to the United States, has been tentatively selected by the United Nations Security Council's Kashmir Committee to become UN mediator for Kashmir.

The United States, Britain, Norway and Cuba, members of the Committee, agreed on Sir Owen but put off proposing him formally to the Council until India and Pakistan give their approval.—United Press.

Acheson to ask for more arms aid

Washington, April 4.

The State Department said today that it will soon ask Congress for additional funds for rearmament of Europe.

The comment was included in a statement issued by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, on the anniversary of the signing of the North Atlantic treaty.

Mr. Acheson reviewed the objectives of the Atlantic pact and measures taken to strengthen Europe so far and then said: "It is anticipated that shortly Congress will be asked to extend further military assistance to the treaty countries."

State Department officials said in an explanation that Mr. Acheson was referring to the \$1,114,000,000 asked by President Truman in his budget message to the Congress for military assistance to Europe during the fiscal year 1950-51 which begins next July 1st.

Arms currently being shipped to Europe are being paid out of the \$1,314,000,000 appropriation authorised for the current fiscal year, these officials said.

They said that no date for hearings before Congressional committees on the new appropriation request has yet been set, but it is expected that they will be held after Mr. Acheson returns from the April meeting of the Big Three Foreign Ministers in London.

In his Atlantic pact anniversary message, Mr. Acheson said: "Our European friends have made encouraging progress toward economic recovery but they still have a difficult task, and can build defensive strength only as fast as their economic and financial conditions will allow. They must have our continuous help."

Mr. Acheson added: "This treaty is not directed against any nation. It is directed solely against aggression. If any nation alleges that the treaty is directed against it then we must conclude that that nation harbours aggressive designs. For the treaty provides for no military action except in the case of an attack against one of its members."—United Press.

Wishful thinking about Malaya aired in Commons

London, April 4.

Viscount Bridgeman (Conservative) said today that it was "wishful thinking to suppose we are over the worst in Malaya or anything near it."

He was opening a two-day debate in the House of Lords on Defence, in which several speakers referred to the campaign in Malaya against the Communist guerrillas.

Viscount Bridgeman said that it would be impossible for Britain to withdraw her troops for a very long time. He wondered whether it was making the right use of British field forces to tie them up there in this long drawn out struggle against the bandits.

That was why he was glad to see the appointment of General Sir Harold Briggs as Supreme Commander of the anti-guerrilla operations. Viscount Bridgeman said that the Government's re-White Paper on defence laid no emphasis on the need for the co-ordination of the defence forces of the Commonwealth. "A distinctly retrograde step when most of the present Service troubles are concerned with South East Asia."

South East Asia, he further said, is a Commonwealth sphere of influence if ever there was one. Lord Mancroft, Conservative, thought that the situation in Malaya was no better than it was two years ago.

"For two years this dreary and dangerous war has dragged on, costing more than 1,000 of His Majesty's subjects' lives," he said.

"How much longer can we tolerate this situation in Malaya?" he asked.

Murky light

"How much longer, particularly in view of the fact that the recognition of Communist China has thrown a completely new and murky light over the whole of the defence problem of the Far East?"

Lord Mancroft said that the recognition of Communist China has given moral support to the bandits.

"Malaya cannot go on fighting alone. She looks to us and to the British Government for leadership and moral and material support," he added.

Asking what had been done in the last years, Lord Mancroft said that the Government had completely misjudged the nature and importance of the war in Malaya. Too often they were found clutching on to the coat-tails of events.

Lord Mancroft suggested that the official name for the Malayan campaign might be "Operation Afterthought."

Warning of the change in the strategic situation brought about by Communist control of China, Lord Mancroft said that the whole of the Far East was now threatened by Communism.

"The eyes of Communist China can stretch from Karachi to Shanghai," he declared.

He asked why the Australians should not be asked to "lend us a battalion or two" in Malaya.

Why not co-ordinate the whole of the strategy in the Far East of those democratic countries who were trying to break down the cold war?

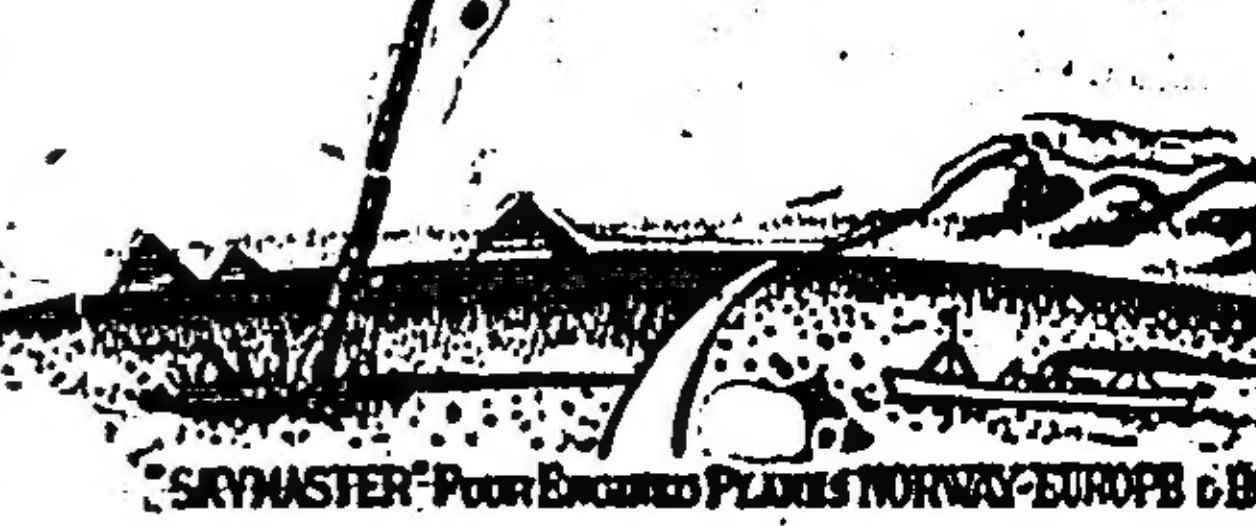
Govt reply

Lord Alexander, former Minister of Defence, in an interim reply for the Government rejected the suggestion that it had been blameworthy for what had happened in Malaya.

"We have never neglected any single recommendation from Malaya regarding what should be done, either in regard to the improvement of police, strengthening the Forces or any other request that has been made to us," he said.

This Government pleaded absolutely no quality to mishandling the anti-guerrilla campaign, he said.

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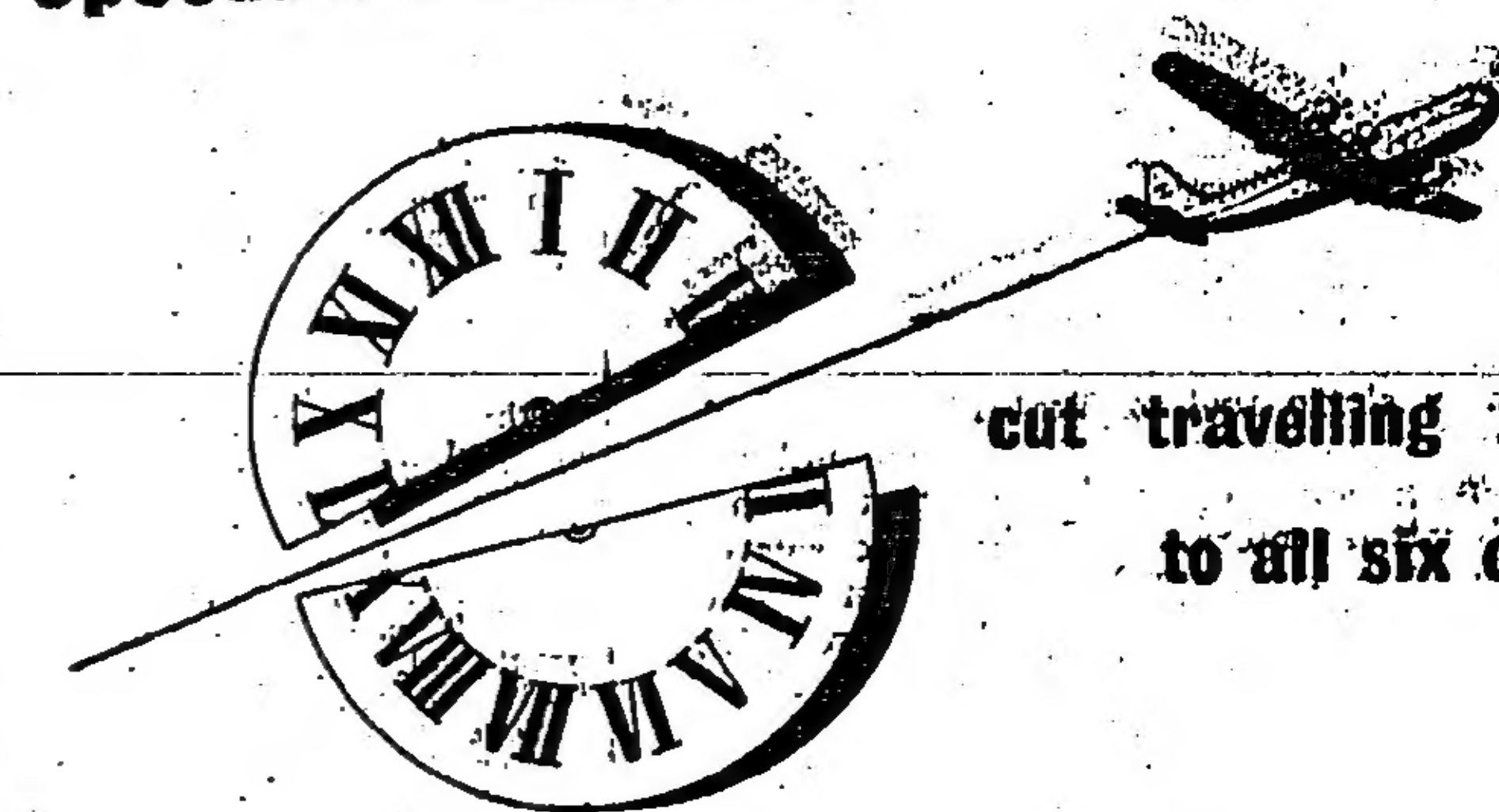
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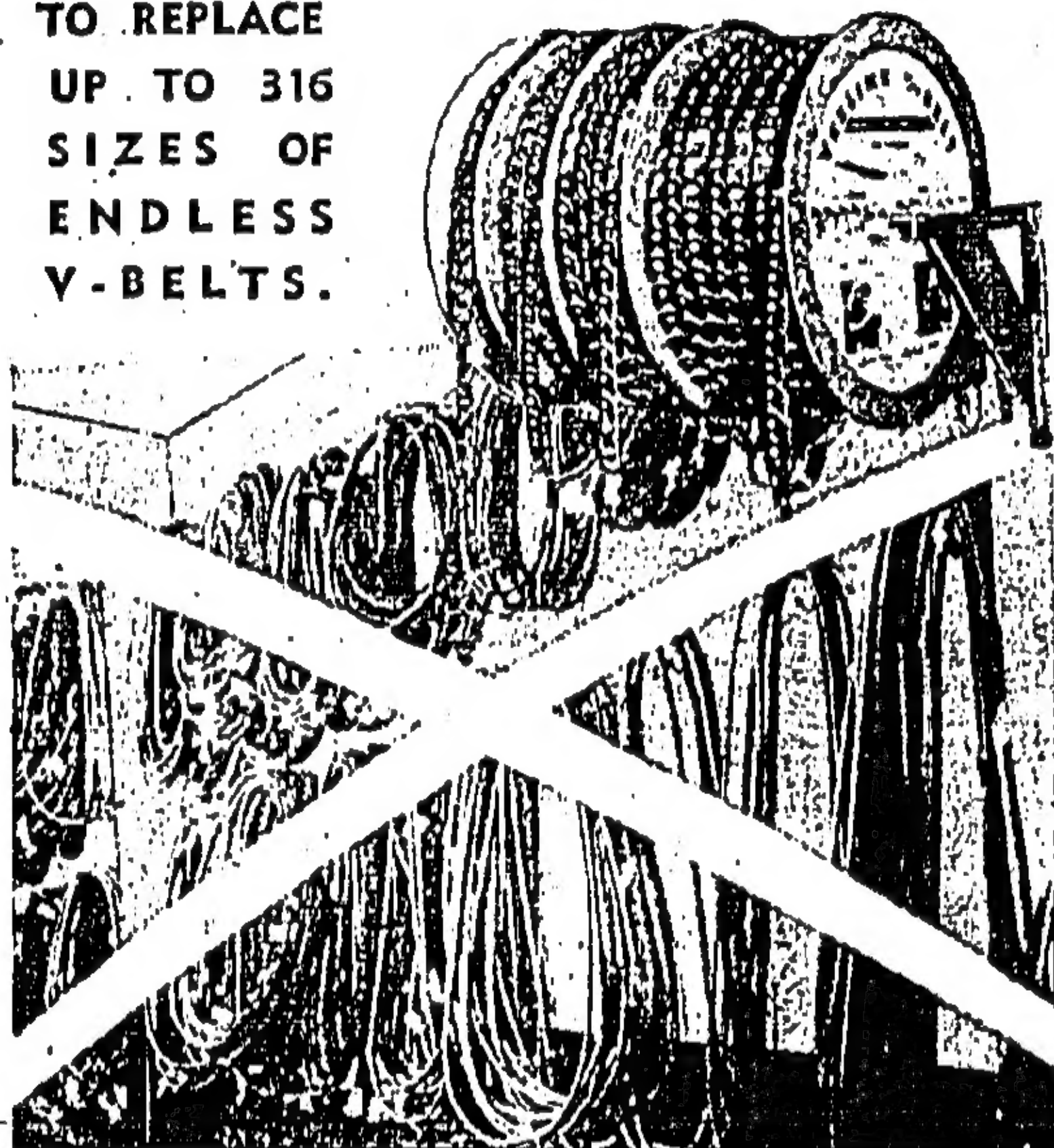
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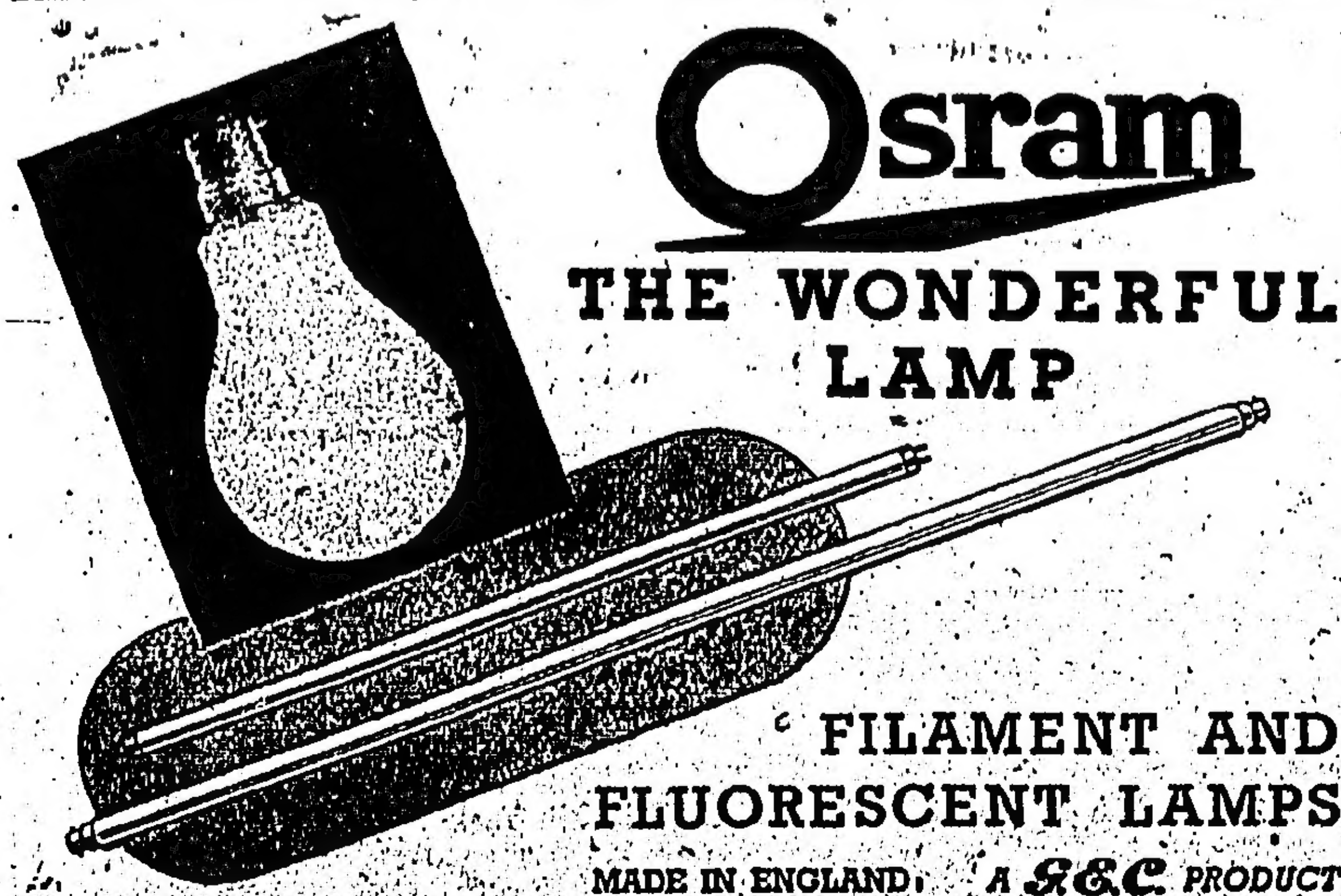
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ENGINEERING PAGE BRITAIN'S FIRST TANKER

The launching on Tuesday by Princess Margaret of the Velutina, 28,000 tons, will mark a new departure in British tanker construction for, in addition to being the largest vessel to join the Shell Fleet, she will also be the largest tanker ever to be built in the UK.

Vessels of 30,000 tons d.w. however, have been built in the U.S.

The Velutina is 643 ft. long, 80 ft. 6 ins. beam and 45 ft. deep. She will be powered by geared turbines operating through a single screw and a high rate of discharge will permit a rapid turn-round at port. Her principal role will be to carry crude oil from the Middle East to Shell's new refineries now under construction at Shell Haven and Stanlow in the UK and, with an average speed of 16 knots and cargo capacity of 26,000 tons, she will be able to make about eight round trips a year from the Persian Gulf, bringing an annual total of 200,000 tons of crude to Britain.

As a navigational aid the vessel is to be fitted with radar.

The Velutina is 80 per cent welded and one of the most highly-welded ships ever to be constructed in the UK. An interesting feature is that, before painting, the vessel is to be flame cleaned—a method of preparing iron and steel surfaces for painting by intimately "scrubbing" the entire surface with high-velocity, high-temperature oxygen-acetylene flames.

The removal of all foreign material and contaminants produces a paint coat which has superior corrosion resistance and an extremely tight bond.

Crew accommodation

Crew accommodation will be of the high standard found on all modern Shell tankers. As well as a separate cabin for each member of the crew, there will be bright and roomy mess and recreation rooms and a library. Tubular furniture will be used, with oak settees and card tables.

Variety is to be the keynote of the colour scheme with the crew's cabins painted green, the mess room blue, the recreational room red and the alley ways white. Mechanical ventilation will ensure pure air below decks.

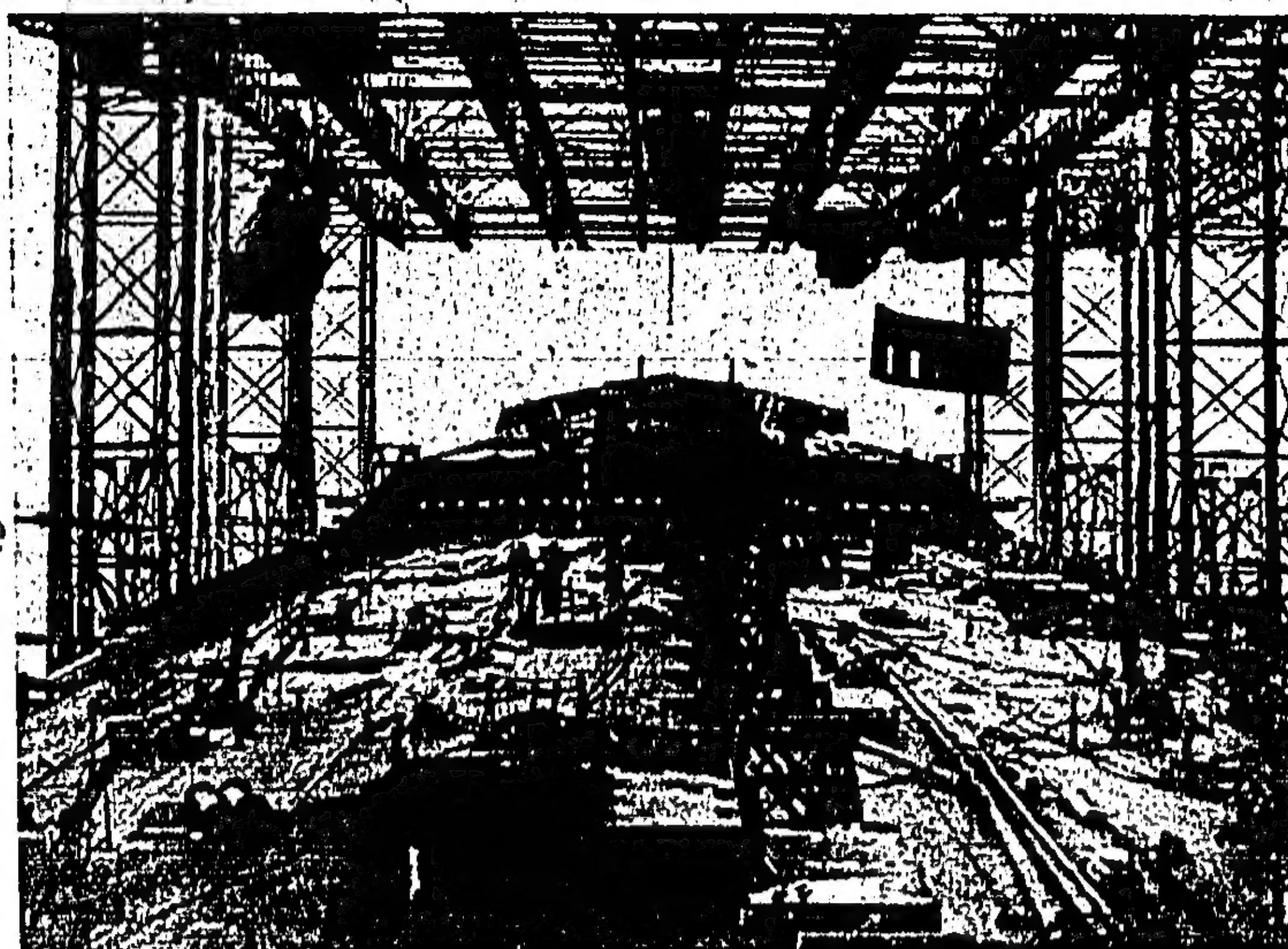
In accordance with tradition in the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. fleet, for which the Velutina is being built, the vessel will be named after a sea-shell. Velutina is one of the smaller genera of sea-shells found on the shores of North America, Europe and Greenland.

Swan Hunter at Wallsend

The Velutina has been constructed by Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson Ltd. at their Wallsend yard, near Newcastle-on-Tyne. It is interesting to note that Wallsend is so named because it marked the end of the great wall of Hadrian which, built and garrisoned by Roman legions 2,000 years ago, once stretched impressively from the Solway to the Tyne.

Swan Hunter have been building tankers for Shell since 1903 and the completion of the Velutina will bring the total delivered up to 50 vessels of 444,000 tons. Among these were ss. Eburna (1913), first merchant vessel to pass through the Panama Canal from the Pacific to the Atlantic and the battleship Anson and the aircraft carriers Levia-than and Vengeance.

The Singapore floating dock was also built in these yards. It was launched in three sections and, when assembled, provided the British Navy with docking facilities capable of handling the largest ships in existence.



The sts. Velutina, which Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret launched on Thursday seen nearing completion at Wallsend-on-Tyne, Newcastle. This vessel, of 28,000 tons deadweight, will be the largest yet to be built in Britain. It is the first of four similar tankers ordered and under construction for the Shell fleet. Picture shows a view of the forward well deck, taken from the bridge of the Velutina during construction—showing forward pump room entrance and fore-castle deck. The crane on left is transporting an evaporator while right-hand crane carries a piece of deck house.—Shell Photo.

A revolutionary method of protection from rust

Perhaps the major cause of wastage of material and labour in the Far East is corrosion brought about by moisture in the air.

A familiar example is rusting of iron and steel. This is caused by a chemical reaction of the metal surface with water vapour and oxygen in the surrounding atmosphere.

Both water vapour and oxygen must be present at the same time for this chemical reaction to occur.

It is impracticable to exclude oxygen. Therefore, in the past, anti-rust protection has depended upon preventing moisture from contacting the metal by means of oil and grease coatings, hot-dip plastic coverings, etc.

Intensive research work by Shell chemists has now produced what they call a "vapour phase inhibitor"—(Trademark: "Shell VPI 260"). This consists of a white, talc-like powder which slowly vapourises, the vapour forming a protective atmosphere of its own. It is unique in that it

prevents corrosion even when both moisture and oxygen are present. It also stops further deterioration if rusting has already started.

Direct contact of the VPI with the metal is not required. In can, in fact, be applied in four distinct ways—

1. As a powder
Shell VPI 260 is simply dusted on or into the article to be protected. Alternatively it can be suspended in small insect bags on the article. In both cases some form of wrapping or container is necessary, providing an enclosed space around the article.
2. In a Solution
Shell VPI 260 is soluble in water and alcohol. It can, therefore, be applied as a dipping or spraying solution in order to protect finished goods or articles in the course of manufacture.
3. On treated paper or board
The article to be protected is merely wrapped in paper impregnated with VPI or enclosed in a box made of VPI treated board. By this means the VPI becomes part of the packaging material from which it very slowly evaporates into the enclosed space.

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Shell VPI 260 in its short life has already established itself in many lines and, in particular, in its application to aircraft. Thus a leading U.S. Airline now uses Shell VPI 260 in all its Pratt & Whitney engines held as spares and in engines being returned to base for repair or overhaul.

The British Ministry of Supply are planning tests on about a 100 RAF engines and on a similar number of Fleet Air Arm engines in order to get results capable of statistical analysis.

Considerable interest is also being shown by various British engine firms in the use of Shell VPI 260 for protection of engines prepared for storage or for shipment overseas.

In Hong Kong two leading aircraft maintenance firms have already placed initial orders for Shell VPI 260 and their supplies are now on the way from the UK. The APC tell us they expect their new product will go down here in a big way.

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Revolt against Russian domination breaks out among Albanian Reds

Europeans serve with Vietminh

Langson (North Indo-China Frontier), April 4. Europeans were reported today to be fighting with the Communist-led Vietminh army against French forces in Indo-China. Vietminh sources said they have been formed into a "white command battalion" which French troops are being asked by means of propaganda leaflets to join.

The Vietminh say their "white battalion" is composed of Europeans and soldiers of other races from French colonial units stationed in Indo-China. The battalion is said to be commanded by a Vietminh Major.

French intelligence information confirms that a number of white men are serving in the Vietminh army. But these sources assert that the white battalion as a unit has never been identified in any combat operation against the French.

French officers think that most of the Europeans fighting with the Vietminh are deserters from the Foreign Legion or other French units. Others are believed to be European Communists who have come to Indo-China to join the Vietminh cause for ideological reasons.

Life for a white man would be hard and precarious in the Vietminh territory.

Wide prevalence of malaria in the jungle covered Tonkin means that one of the white man's most serious problems. The French blockade has effectively disrupted the flow of supplies such as food and anti-malarial drugs into Vietminh territory where disease and malnutrition are reported to be taking an increasingly heavy toll.

There is also a bitter anti-French current among Vietminh in reaction against French influence. Independent reports say that this current is taking extreme forms in some Vietminh areas where foreign buildings have been burned down in campaign to eradicate all evidence of Western culture.

This factor has given the French grave fears about a large number of French prisoners held by the Vietminh. These include not only military prisoners, but also some 5,000 French men, women and children carried off from Hanoi as hostages when hostilities broke out there in December, 1946.

There are also a considerable number of Japanese soldiers who escaped repatriation after the war by serving with the Vietminh.

Chinese bodies have been found among Vietminh dead following attacks on French posts in the frontier zone. They probably were members of one of the numerous Chinese bandit groups operating along the border who joined the Vietminh attack for the loot to be gained.

Both the Chinese guerrillas and the Vietminh cross the loosely held Indo-China border at numerous points where it is unguarded. French posts have been attacked by Vietminh based on Chinese territory with what appears to be the knowledge of the local Chinese Communist commanders.

Foreign troops serving with the Vietminh have been particularly useful to the Vietminh as instructors in military schools. Associated Press.

"The Nose" convicted of perjury

San Francisco, April 4. Harry Bridges, leader of 25,000 West Coast longshoremen, was convicted today of perjury and conspiracy for swearing that he was not and never had been a Communist.

The middle-class jury of eight men and four women found him guilty after a stormy trial which lasted more than four months. The jury deliberated 31 hours. The conviction carries a maximum prison term of seven years plus a fine of \$50,000 and pays the way for the government to press action to deport the CIO longshoremen and Warehousemen Union president.

The jury also found J. R. Robertson, top organizer in Bridges' union, and Harry Schmidt, union vice-president, guilty on both the conspiracy count and the charge of aiding and abetting Bridges in committing perjury.

Vincent Hallinan, counsel for Bridges, immediately announced that he would appeal against the verdict. United Press.

Rome, April 4. A revolt against Russian domination has broken out in the ranks of Albania's Communists, informed Albanian exiles said today.

They said Albania's Moscow-trained strong man, Interior Minister Mehmet Sheru is waging a ruthless purge of Trotskyites and nationalists in an effort to crush the revolt before it gets out of hand.

The exiles, members of an Albanian liberation movement in Italy, told a reporter they had received reports of the revolt from a reliable informant who escaped recently to Greece. They said he had sent the following eye witness description of recent events in the tiny Balkan nation.

Last January a Russian Commission headed by an Army Colonel arrived in Tirana, capital of Albania, at the request of the Albanian Communist Party's Presidium to give moral and political aid.

After the Commission refused to give financial and military aid because the United Nations Security Council would never allow it, a member of Albania's Parliament, Abedin Sheru (no relation to the Interior Minister) accused Russia with treachery and with abandoning Albania.

The Albanian Premier, Enver Hoxha, intervened quickly and closed the meeting and the Albanian Communist Party's Central Committee met in continuous session but failed to solve what was called the "Sheru crisis".

Finally, on March 6, Abedin Sheru, two Cabinet Ministers and a number of other public leaders were formally accused of Trotskyism and liaison with nationalist organizations.

The charges were read at a meeting of the Central Committee at which Abedin Sheru repeated his accusations.

Abodin shot

The Interior Minister, Mehmet Sheru, whipped out a pistol and shot Abedin, and other

ringleaders of the "revolt" were quickly arrested. Then began a nationwide purge in which four public buildings in Tirana were converted into temporary prisons.

The Central Committee then called for new national elections to tighten the ranks of Communists loyal to Russia and the Cominform.

The Albanian exiles in Rome said they had learned the purge is still in progress, especially in remote mountainous areas of the interior.

They said previous information reaching the liberation committee's headquarters here indicated Russia was unwilling to risk outright military aid to Albania because of the nation's "precarious" position between Yugoslavia and Greece.

They said Russia had sent no regular troops to Albania but had dispatched a number of military technicians and engineers to convert the island fortress of Saseo in the Bay of Valona into a "Soviet Gibraltar". The strategic island commanding the lower approaches to the Adriatic Sea may become a Soviet submarine or V-2 rocket base.

They added Saseo lies only about 50 miles from the Southern tip of Italy. Associated Press.

RAF planes strafe guerilla hide-outs

Singapore, April 4.

Tempests, Brigands and Spitfires bombed and strafed terrorist-held hill country in the Mantakab area of Central Malaya today, striking back at widespread guerilla raids in which five Britons fell wounded.

A Malay constable was killed, and a British administrator, Mr. A. H. Girdler, was seriously wounded, and two British soldiers were slightly wounded in an ambush near Yonugpeng, Johore, today.

In the Kedah area, a European assistant planter, who had volunteered for anti-bandit work, was slightly wounded in a police clash with a terrorist band.

Last night a British soldier and three civilians were wounded when guerillas attacked the Singapore-Kuala Lumpur mail train in Johore State.

Meanwhile, the British Mission, which investigated police problems in Malaya earlier this year, today published a report which commends measures taken to hunt down terrorist bands and makes recommendations for a body of specially selected and trained police to be set up after the present emergency.

The three-man Mission—Sir Alexander Maxwell, retired Under-Secretary of the Home Office, who led it, the Chief Constable J. F. Ferguson, of Kent, and Mr. A. L. Jackson, Secretary of the Metropolitan Police—said that after the present emergency has passed the possibility of further attempts to create chaos in the country must be considered.

Measures advocated

In addition to the specially selected police force, they recommended the following measures:

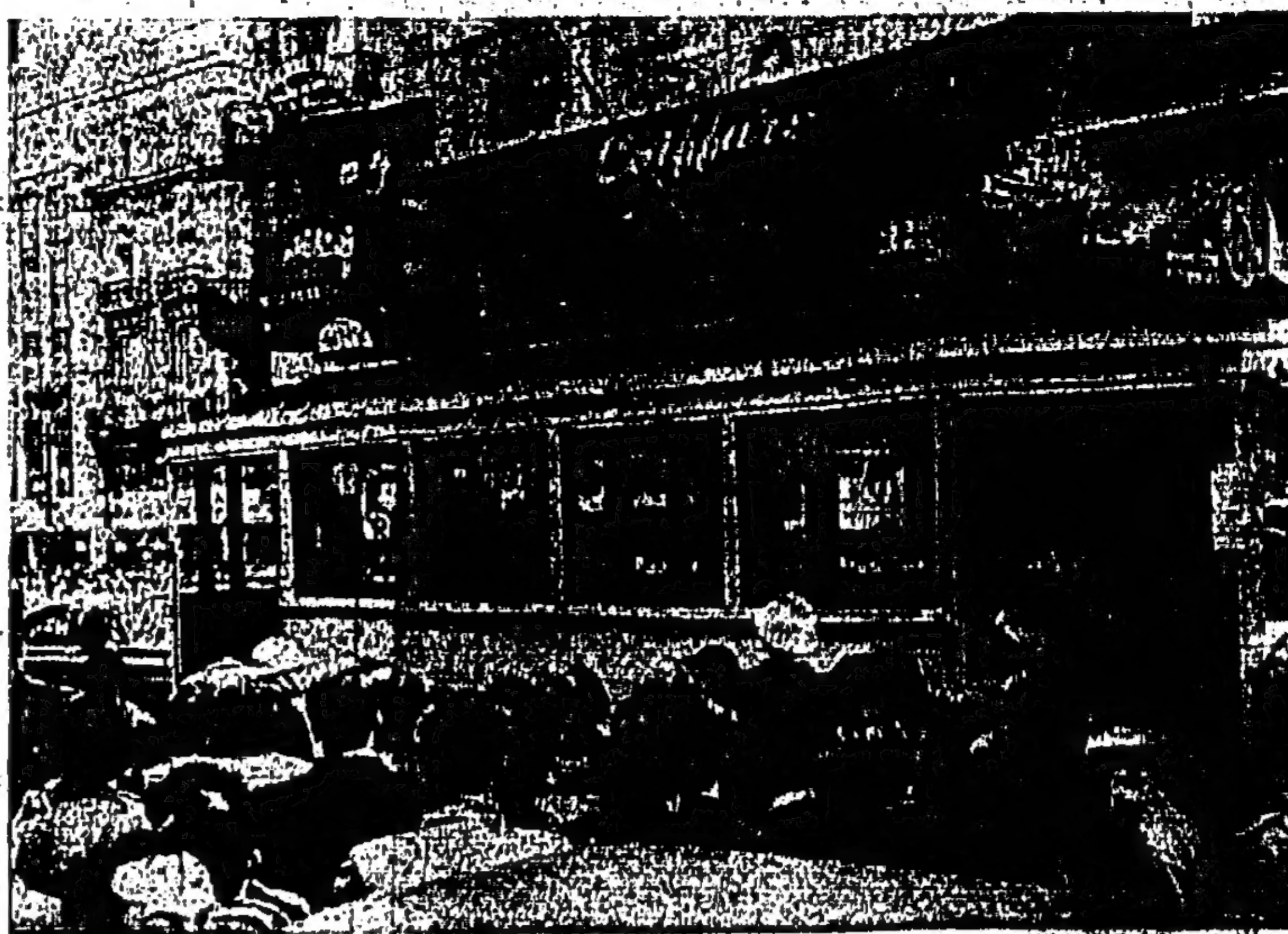
AIRMAIL SERVICE BETWEEN CHINA AND RUSSIA

San Francisco, April 4. There will soon be an airmail service between Communist China and Russia, Communist announced tonight.

The service will be based on an agreement reached between the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephone in Peking and the Soviet Union, which carried the Soviet Civil Aviation Joint Stock Company, the broadcast said.

It added that the Peking Ministry had already informed the Russian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to relay by air mail all mail carried to the Soviet Union from China by the Sino-Soviet Civil Aviation Joint Stock Company through domestic airlines of the USSR. Reuter.

Strikers damage trams



The motorman of a Brussels tram stands on the roof of his vehicle in an effort to repair a trolley rope slashed by demonstrators during the day-long strike and riot in the Belgian capital. Spurred by anti-Leopoldist workers and students, the strike quickly developed into a widespread attack on the crews of the city tram cars, who had defied the strike order. Motormen were beaten up and tram windows smashed.—AP Photo.

Nehru-Liaquat Ali Khan discussions continuing

New Delhi, April 4.

Discussions held on Far East

Washington, April 4. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and his chief advisors on the Far East met today for the second time within a week with Congressional foreign policy leaders to review the American outlook in South East Asia.

Mr. Acheson appeared before a closed meeting of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee.

He was accompanied by Dr. Philip Jessup, United States Ambassador-at-Large, Mr. Dean Rusk, newly appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, and Mr. Walton Butterworth, an Assistant Secretary of State dealing with Japanese affairs.

Last week they reviewed the Far-East position with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Tom Connally (Democrat, Texas) reported that they stressed the urgency of giving American aid to some Asian countries, including Burma, Indo-China and Indonesia, to help them resist Communism.

They appeared before the House Committee today to give a similar report.

Dr. Jessup and Mr. Butterworth recently returned from extensive tours of the Far East. They were called today to give the Committee a first-hand report of political and economic conditions in the region. Reuter.

HORROR SHIP

Singapore, April 4. Three hundred out of 1,800 Moslem pilgrims from the Philippines died on the journey to Mecca in a Filipino ship, the Christal. Tomorrow the remaining 1,500 will sail for home in the ship, which has been held at Singapore for seven days because the crew went on strike, declaring that they had not been paid.

The pilgrims left Mindanao in the Philippines last August. Some told a reporter that 50 died from smallpox while their leader, Sheikh Hasan Ali Samadullah, said more died from homesickness on the road from Mecca to Jeddah after the pilgrimage. Reuter.

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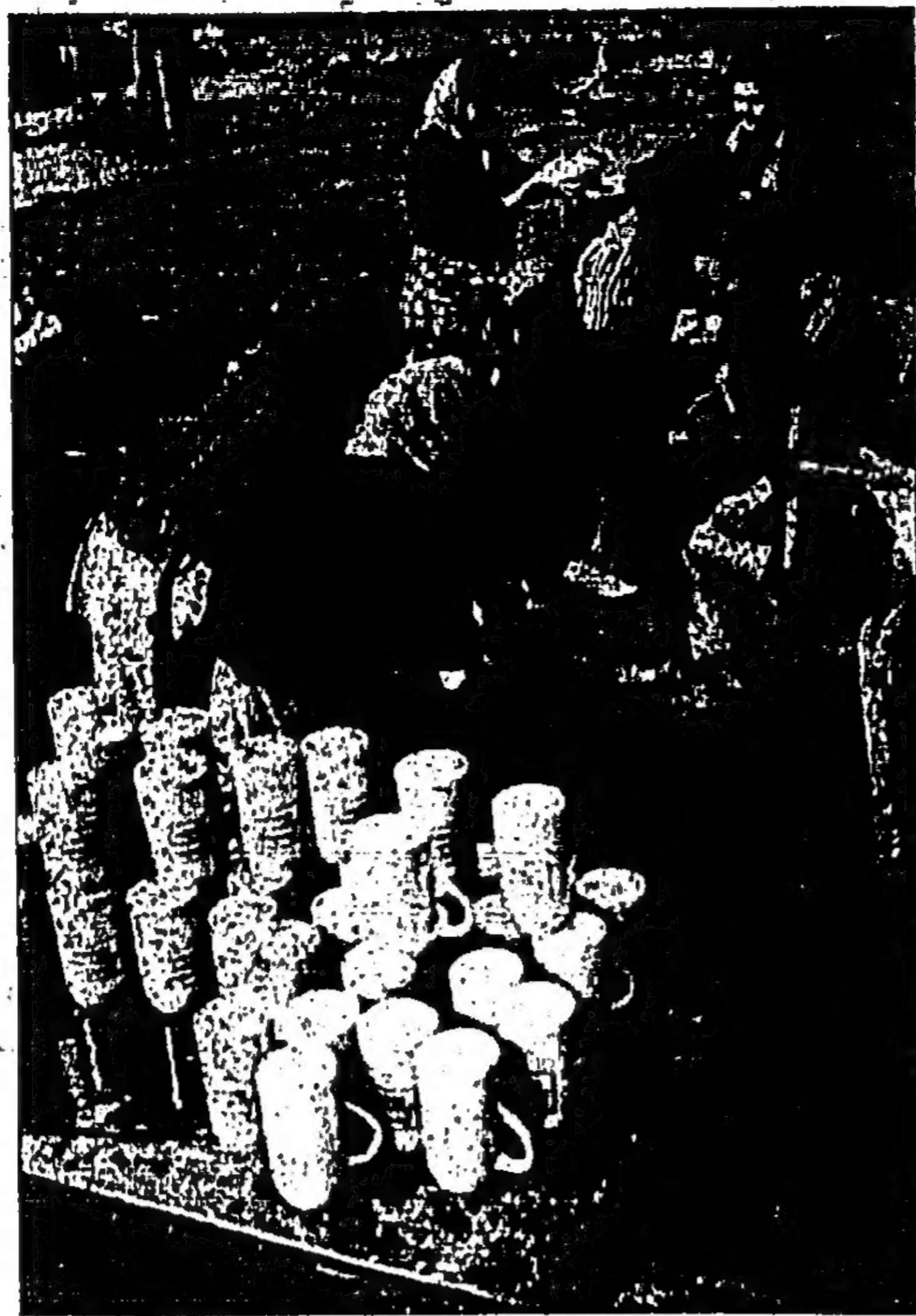
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JET FIGHTER SETS RECORD

London, April 4. A British Gloster Meteor single-seater jet fighter today set up a new two-way record for the flight between London and Copenhagen. Piloted by an aerobatics pilot, J. Zurkowski, it had reached Copenhagen in under 67 minutes, clipping almost 12 minutes off the record outward flight from London last month by a four-engined Comet jet passenger airliner.—Reuter.

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Westerling's private army in W. Java a spent force

Bandoeng, Java, April 4. R.P.P. (The Turk) Westerling's private outlaw army in West Java is a spent force.

That is the assurance today of Indonesian military authorities on the highest levels. They insist that Westerling's "Forces of the Queen of Justice" are no longer capable of repeating their January 23 raid on this city or starting a serious insurrection elsewhere.

A little more than one month after Westerling's raiders swooped down from the surrounding mountains and chased Indonesian regulars from Bandoeng, Westerling escaped from Indonesia in a Dutch Navy plane.

British police nabbed him in Singapore, slipping into the colony without proper papers. Since his arrest, the audacious leader, a Dutch national, has been entangled in a three-way legal mesh involving the British, Netherlands and Indonesian Governments.

Westerling's organization has been undermined by followers who have given themselves up and reported on their comrades. As a result, many arrests have been made.

A part of Westerling's potential strength was with Indonesians serving in the Dutch Army, several of whom deserted their units to take part in the Bandoeng attack in January.

The Dutch have since moved likely deserters from troubled areas and taken other stringent

measures to prevent recurrence of the embarrassing Bandoeng affair.

Strength gone

Neutral observers here agree with Indonesian Army officers that Westerling's strength has dwindled greatly. But observers do not discount the possibility of lingering danger in another form.

It is believed that most of the troops directly under Westerling (estimates have ranged from 200 to 20,000) have joined the Darul Islam, a rebel religious movement in the South Eastern corner of West Java. Indonesian Army officers admit the fighting strength of Darul Islam has improved since several of Westerling's competent military men began serving as officers within the fanatical religious organization.

Darul Islam seeks through force to establish an Islamic state throughout Indonesia and is more of a long-range threat to the established Indonesian Government than Westerling's spectacular outlaws ever were.

Government troops recently opened a counter-offensive against Darul Islam terrorists who had been spreading havoc in West Java. No publicity was given because officials feared stirring up of Moslem opposition in other parts of Indonesia.

Local commanders, though, maintained that the Cheribon area on the North coast of West Java and several districts around the towns of Garoet and Tasik-

malaya were cleared of Darul Islam. As only a few insurgents were captured, the campaign cannot be considered decisive.

Uncompromising battle

Fired by fanaticism, the struggle between the central Government and Darul Islam may turn into an uncompromising battle. Such a trend is indicated by incidents such as a recent one at Tleuringil, South of Bandoeng, where 20 Government troops at an outpost died through poisoning by Darul Islam followers. The army retaliated by shooting 40 inhabitants of the village.

A majority of Dutch planters on the rich tea and rubber estates in this part of the island have remained on their estates, but they complained that "contributions" paid monthly to Government troops and Darul Islam forces are on an increase.

Government army authorities have acknowledged their troops often demand money from planters. Authorities predicted, however, that the army supply system would improve within a few months so soldiers could be adequately fed and paid from the top.

With Westerling out of the way, the picture in troubled West Java is brighter than a few months ago. A bright future cannot be forecast with assurance, though, because several basic causes of Westerling's success—political instability and religious and military conflicts.—Associated Press.

Indian students open meeting in Britain

Barr, South Wales, April 4. The Federation of Indian Students' Societies in Great Britain and Europe opened their 14th annual conference here today when, after a civic reception, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, the Indian High Commissioner, addressed nearly 50 delegates representing 2,200 students.

The conference was being held in South Wales for the first time, and the High Commissioner paid tribute to the help the Welsh miners and dockers had given to India in her struggle for independence.

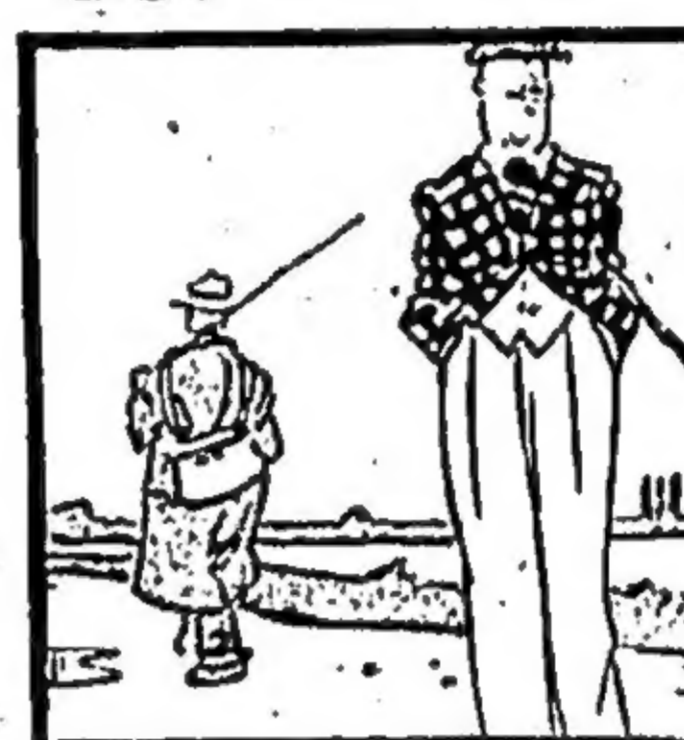
Since that had been achieved, he continued, India had made great progress and they were hoping for still greater trade with Great Britain, which was only fifth among the nations trading with India.

Since they had gained their independence there had been a greater feeling of friendship and mutual respect than under British rule.

In India they had now reached a position where their exports were as high as their imports. When they took over, their Sterling balances had been used in importing vital food to relieve famine, but they were now building up their reserves and by 1951 they hoped to be self-sufficient.

The conference will conclude on Saturday.—Reuter.

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Foreign policy and defence

Recently the "Economist" had an important article on foreign policy and defence. It says rightly that "there is at present a stronger undercurrent of anxiety about the state of the precarious balance between peace and war— which is a truer description of what is usually called foreign affairs—than at any time since the early days of the Berlin air-lift."

The "Economist" thinks it very doubtful whether the country has a coherent defence policy and foreign policy at all. "This fact was never more apparent than in the general election, during which both parties and both electoral programmes shirked the issue almost completely."

The "Economist" thinks that the merit of Mr. Acheson (whose persecution by the Senate it deplores) is that he sees all foreign affairs as related, and is trying to give the American people the picture of a unified foreign policy. He sees all events abroad in terms of the Soviet drive to world domination. "All the measures which he proposes to take against this, in whatever country, are based on consistent general principles. His policy is 'agreement with Russia through strength.'"

But what unifying principle is there in British policy? The "Economist" suggests that the facts in West Europe are enough to show that there is no single principle.

"Instead of unity the Western world presents the spectacle of a series of half-alliances—Britain half committed to Europe, Germany half committed to Western Union, the United States certainly not more than half committed to the British Commonwealth. It is possible to understand, but hardly to condone some of the inhibitions which probably hold the Government back. Its unwillingness to permit even the slightest modification in the present pattern of employment is hardly compatible with a dynamic international economic policy."

"Its lingering belief that in some ways legitimate defence is only a hairsbreadth removed from militarism takes the heart out of a defence policy. Some of its supporters will not accept the realities of the cold war, and as a result will not see the need to join in good faith in a lasting alliance with capitalist America."

"No compromise"

Since the general election, the left wing intellectuals of the Labour Party have been carrying on a "no compromise" campaign. They are afraid that the Government, in order to cling on to office for a year or two, will compromise with socialist principles. The "New Statesman" and the "Tribune" are their chief organs. The "Tribune" this week-end writes:

"The avowed aim of the Labour Party since its foundation 50 years ago has been to change society. But now there appears to be in many quarters a disposition to regard these axioms of Socialist faith as meaningless and out-of-date."

The awkwardness of the present Parliamentary situation suggests to some that the Labour Party should set before itself a quite different purpose. The argument runs very simply. What is needed is not a Labour Party dedicated to socialism but a Radical Party which can take its alternating share of power with the Party of the Right.

"The answer from the Labour movement to this kind of enticement should be emphatic and severe, for it is not even based on an accurate assessment of the electoral situation. Great numbers of working class people still vote Tory, but the Labour Party continues to gain an increasing share of the working class vote. Given proper leadership there is no reason why that process

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Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
(small) 1.10
Macao Sole (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Golden Thread 1.10
Shed Grouper 1.10
Horse Head (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Conger Pike 1.10
Red Sea Bream 1.10
White Herring 1.10
Hale Tail 1.10

Second quality Average
Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
(small) 1.10
Macao Sole (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Golden Thread 1.10
Shed Grouper 1.10
Horse Head (large) 1.10
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Conger Pike 1.10
Red Sea Bream 1.10
White Herring 1.10
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Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
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Macao Sole (large) 1.10
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Golden Thread 1.10
Shed Grouper 1.10
Horse Head (large) 1.10
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Conger Pike 1.10
Red Sea Bream 1.10
White Herring 1.10
Hale Tail 1.10

Fourth quality Average
Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
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Macao Sole (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Golden Thread 1.10
Shed Grouper 1.10
Horse Head (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Conger Pike 1.10
Red Sea Bream 1.10
White Herring 1.10
Hale Tail 1.10

Fifth quality Average
Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
(small) 1.10
Macao Sole (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Golden Thread 1.10
Shed Grouper 1.10
Horse Head (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Conger Pike 1.10
Red Sea Bream 1.10
White Herring 1.10
Hale Tail 1.10

Sixth quality Average
Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
(small) 1.10
Macao Sole (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Golden Thread 1.10
Shed Grouper 1.10
Horse Head (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Conger Pike 1.10
Red Sea Bream 1.10
White Herring 1.10
Hale Tail 1.10

Seventh quality Average
Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
(small) 1.10
Macao Sole (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Golden Thread 1.10
Shed Grouper 1.10
Horse Head (large) 1.10
(small) 1.10
Conger Pike 1.10
Red Sea Bream 1.10
White Herring 1.10
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Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
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Macao Sole (large) 1.10
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Golden Thread 1.10
Shed Grouper 1.10
Horse Head (large) 1.10
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Conger Pike 1.10
Red Sea Bream 1.10
White Herring 1.10
Hale Tail 1.10

Ninth quality Average
Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
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Macao Sole (large) 1.10
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Golden Thread 1.10
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Conger Pike 1.10
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Tenth quality Average
Mud/Grouper 11.10
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White Pomfret 1.15
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Golden Thread 1.10
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Conger Pike 1.10
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Eleventh quality Average
Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
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Macao Sole (large) 1.10
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Conger Pike 1.10
Red Sea Bream 1.10
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Twelfth quality Average
Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
White Pomfret 1.15
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Macao Sole (large) 1.10
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Conger Pike 1.10
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Thirteenth quality Average
Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
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Mud/Grouper 11.10
Ginger Fish 1.15
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London, April 4.
Britain earned a surplus of \$40,000,000 in the first
quarter of 1950, exclusive of Marshall Plan
funds and credits from Canada, it was an-
nounced in the House of Commons on Tues-
day.

Sir Stafford Cripps announced that Commonwealth
dollar reserves were increased by \$295,000,-
000 during that period,—the largest gain
since the Marshall Plan went into effect.

The increase was made up of:
\$229,000,000 from American cred-
its, largely under ECA, \$27,000,-
000 lent by Canada, and \$40,000,-
000 in gold and dollars which
Britain earned.

Sir Stafford said that the
record was due, in part at least,
to Britain's own drastic drive to
cut down imports and to send off
to foreign markets to earn dollars
her very best clothing, whisky,
and other products which are
demanded to the country's own
people.

Foreign orders
The Chancellor of the
Exchequer admitted that the
earning of dollars was partly
due to factors outside of British
control. One of the most im-
portant, he said, was that
foreign orders had been held
up in anticipation of the de-
valuation of the pound sterling,
and then had come in large
volume when devaluation be-
came a reality.

But, Sir Stafford said, the in-
crease in dollar reserves had been
due, too, to the fact that the
Commonwealth held its imports
from dollar areas to the rate of
\$1,200,000,000 a year, and he
called that a major achievement.
To the cheers of the Labour
members of Parliament, Sir
Stafford said: "The results of
these last six months are un-
doubtedly gratifying. Whatever
the results of a more detailed
analysis, they reveal that we and
the rest of the sterling area have
made a definite advance in our
long and arduous campaign to
close the dollar gap. But we
must not be complacent as to
these results or overestimate the
progress which has been made."

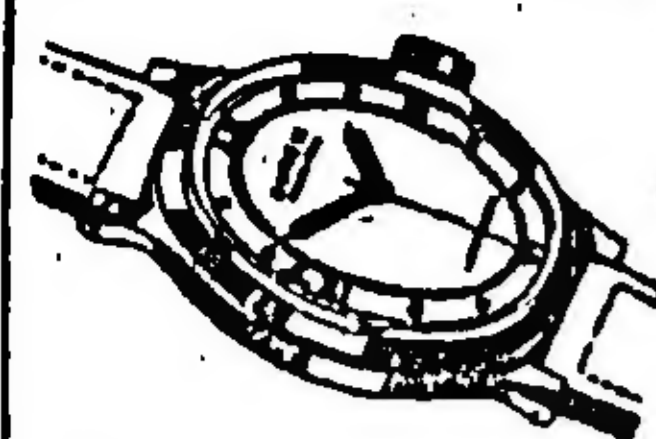
Sir Stafford said that although
the dollar gain followed a simi-
lar one of some \$200,000,000 in
the last six months of 1949, it
must be realised that over the pre-
ceding long-term period, Britain
has lost nearly one-third of her re-
serves of gold and dollars.

He said: "Our policy is so to
order our affairs that when the
European Recovery Programme
comes to end about the middle
of 1952, we can stand on our
own feet without exceptional ex-
ternal aid, and to that end we
must maintain rigorous economy
in dollar expenditure and en-
courage maximum recovery
throughout the sterling area."

United Press.

ST. JOHN ORDERS
Orders by Mr. A. el Arculli,
Commissioner, St. John Ambu-
lance Brigade, Order No. 14/50,
dated April 7, 1950:

1. To 18, KCOB Division; April 19 to 26,
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MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS

Hockey:

RECREIO "A" SCORE 3-2 WIN OVER ARMY

In one of the best exhibitions of hockey seen in the Colony, Club do Recreio "A" avenged their earlier season defeat by the Army when they beat the soldiers at King's Park yesterday by three goals to two.

For their win, Recreio have to thank, principally, Garcia, Nery, Reed and Gerry Gosano, but this is perhaps a little invidious, when the whole side played so well.

Garcia was in splendid form after a shaky start and in the second half made three glorious saves, when the Army were attacking hotly.

Nery was very good indeed at right back, and it was a pity that he was unlucky enough to trip Gardner in the second half when that player had beaten the defence, and so gave away a penalty corner from which the Army equalised.

Reed was a splendid personification of centre-half, intercepting beautifully, and distributing the ball neatly and cleverly with quick snappy passes.

Gerry Gosano took his three chances well, as Recreio had three goals. He was quick and accurate in the circle and went for the slightest opening.

Enough chances
Army have. In a great measure, no one to blame but themselves, for they had enough chances in the first half to win most matches. In fact, they had the ball in the net three times but twice a same was disallowed. On one of these occasions, Gardner took the ball through and when clear, passed to Daniels who was on the side. This is illustrative of what was happening all the time, which is not what one would expect from hockey players of the experience of these two.

Both sides played sound, constructive hockey and it over-excitement caused many free near the end, one can forgive it when the realise what was at stake.

A draw would have been a good result, but Recreio put their hearts into it and were good winners.

By winning, they kept within striking distance to New at the league, and have brought a new spirit into it, since most people imagined that it was all over but the shouting.

Not the least, perhaps indeed the most important thing about the game was the splendid sporting spirit displayed. There was the greatest friendliness and good fellowship all the time, a very good thing between close rivals.

A good team
Besides the four mentioned already, Recreio as a whole did well. They were a good team and played together and seemed, after the first 10 minutes or so, to have a perfect understanding with each other.

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He was constructive too, and incisive, and put "Spiky" Gutters, the left-wing, away time and again. Gutters himself played well and hard, while Daniels, at inside-right, if not as prominent as he usually is on the "B" side, played a man's part.

Berlie Gosano had, for him, quite an off day, but made no serious blunders.

The Army too played well together—in fact, a feature of the game was the cohesion on both sides.

Rogerson in goal made one or two very good saves, particularly one from a push shot by Reed in the second half, which had "goal" written all over it.

A nasty knock
Stubbs, a bit slow, was the better back, although due sympathy must be extended to Crawford who had a nasty knock early in the game which affected his game considerably, and it was only late in the game that he came into his own.

The Army defence was, perhaps, a bit suspect under pressure, although almost any ordinary defence might well have fallen on the three occasions on which this did.

Skipwith was a sound right half, his stopping being particularly good, while Marsh too played well. Fitzgibbon, on the day's play, was as good as a centre-half as Reed, which is saying a lot.

As has been said in these columns before, his improvement through the season has been tremendous—each game appears to leave him a better player than he was at the start of it.

Gardner was in very good form indeed, as was Daniels and they took a great deal of holding. Their stickwork was a treat to watch and they made opening after opening. Maybe they tried to beat one man too many once or twice, and maybe they wasted the little distance through waiting a little too long.

However, what is so often forgotten is that they make openings, and therefore goals, when no opening seems possible, and one sometimes feels that their critics are over harsh when they question display ordinary human failings.

A bad patch
Army must have scored at least five goals with any other inside-right yesterday. Nothing went right for McKenzie, who seems to be running through a bad patch. Just now, it is to be hoped he will soon get out of it, for there is no denying his ability. He held the ball far too long yesterday when a quick through pass would have made an opening.

Lambie too was a little off, but Humphreys was always trying at left-wing.

Army started as if they were going to swamp their opponents and for the first 10 minutes were in the Recreio half.

Twice Daniels put the ball in the net, but was twice whistled up and then Recreio settled down. Daniels was, however, not to be denied, and after Gardner had given him a pass on the edge of the circle, he beat the defence by some beautiful dribbling and scored—a typical Gardner-Daniels effort.

Army enjoyment was short-lived, however, for Gerry Gosano put Recreio on level terms just before half-time.

Brilliant solo run
After the interval, the same player put Recreio ahead, when he cut through beautifully to beat Rogerson to the ball and score, but almost immediately afterwards, Gardner went through on a brilliant solo run and was brought down by Nery as already mentioned.

He scored from the resultant penalty corner, the ball entering the net off an opponent's stick.

About 15 minutes from the end, Gutters' centred waist-high, the ball travelling like a rocket, and long before anyone else had realised it, Gosano completed his "hat-trick" by deflecting it into the net.

Army tried all they knew and attacked with all they had. Garcia saved brilliantly from Daniels and then from Gardner, and a sorely pressed defence covered themselves with glory in a last hectic 10 minutes.

Neither side really deserved to lose, but then neither did they in their last meeting, so, honour preserved between two splendid sides. A tribute to all 22 players for a fine exhibition, in a grand spirit.

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YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION			
KMB	2	Commandos	0
Royal Navy	0	8. China	3
RAF	0	Chinese AA	1
Eastern	2	Kil Chae	2

Kowloon Cricket Club Tennis

The following tennis matches in the Kowloon Cricket Club have been arranged and must be played off on the days and at the times specified.

Monday, April 10 at 10.30 a.m. Court No. 1, B. McGregor and A. E. P. Guest vs. T. E. and R. O. Baker.

Court No. 2, C. R. Tiernan and J. Horsman vs. J. Leriou and F. It. Kermann.

Court No. 3, K. M. Getz and A.V. White vs. Winner E. K. and J. A. Abbas vs. C. Kotewall and J. Penlon.

Court No. 4, Mrs. L. F. Stokes and Miss M. Figueroa vs. Mrs. J. Horsman and Miss M. Fisher.

Court No. 5, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Forward vs. Winner Mr. and Mrs. F. Kwok vs. Miss J. Watts and G. A. Phillips.

Monday, April 10 at 1.00 p.m. Court No. 1, Mrs. M. Chow and Mrs. L. Benjamin vs. Mrs. V. M. Pepperell and Miss M. Xaxier.

Court No. 2, Mrs. J. Lawes and L. F. Stokes vs. Capt. and Mrs. Robertson.

Court No. 3, Mrs. S. Groundwater and N. Hart Baker vs. Mrs. L. F. Stokes and J. Leriou.

Court No. 4, A. V. White vs. J. T. Haugsted.

Court No. 5, J. A. Abbas vs. F. R. Kermann.

Monday, April 10 at 4.30 p.m. Court No. 1, Miss N. Lambert Baker and Mrs. K. M. Getz vs. Mrs. J. Lawes and Mrs. E. Tebbutt.

Court No. 2, Mrs. M. Chow and C. R. Kotewall vs. Mr. and Mrs. J. Horsman.

Court No. 3, Mrs. A. Gensburger vs. Mrs. D. M. Pepperell.

Court No. 4, R. O. Baker vs. H. Ridsdale.

Court No. 5, L. F. Stokes vs. Winner C. R. Tiernan and D. McGregor.

Tuesday, April 11 at 5.45 p.m. Court No. 1, F. H. Kwok and D. Chen vs. A. Zimmermann and J. V. Sellers.

Court No. 2, Mrs. M. Chow vs. Mrs. L. Benjamin.

Court No. 3, Mrs. G. Chaun vs. Mrs. E. Litton.

Court No. 4, K. M. Getz vs. R. N. Manley.

Wednesday, April 12 at 5.45 p.m. Court No. 1, Miss J. Watts vs. Mrs. L. F. Stokes.

Court No. 2, Miss M. Xavier vs. Mrs. E. M. Tebbutt.

Court No. 3, A. Zimmermann vs. F. Kwok.

Court No. 4, Mrs. C. Getz and C. I. Stapleton vs. Mrs. A. Gensburger and A. Saball.

Court No. 5, Mrs. E. Litton and K. M. Getz vs. Miss M. Figueroa and D. McGregor.

Court No. 6, E. M. Manley vs. Winner A. E. P. Guest vs. J. P. Sellers.

Softball:

Easter programme likely to produce a full quota of thrills

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Softball fans will in all probability be given a full quota of thrills over the Easter holidays as the programme comprises 35 games, with the Ladies and Men's International Finals on Monday dominating the scene.

The Junior League Championship will also be decided as the Blackhawks, Jaguars and Rexes deadlocked for first place, tangle in a knock-out series on Saturday and Monday.

The Senior League Play-offs, continue unabated as Braves take on Jaguars and Americans during the holiday period. A concentration of four days playing will keep the Midlet Leaguers on their toes, as they scuffle in an all out effort for the Jack Shepherd Cup.

Latest batting averages:

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE:			
Ren. Sequiera	15	54	23
Spilke Gutierrez	16	49	20
Harry Ayres	14	54	21
Ignar Erikson	14	40	19
Tony Osmund	16	50	19

LADIES JUNIOR LEAGUE:			
C. Arnulph	11	38	17
Carmen Souza	10	36	14
Gloria Silva	11	36	13
Lella Guan	10	41	14
V. Gonales	10	20	8

SENIOR LEAGUE PLAY-OFF:			
Americans	2	0	1,000
Braves	2	1	.687
St. Joseph's	1	2	.333
Jaguars	1	3	.250

INTER-HONG LEAGUE:			
Civil Service	3	0	1,000
Gibbs	2	0	1,000
San Miguel	3	1	.750
Stanvac	2	1	.667
Caltex	2	2	.500
Shell	2	2	.500
Mercantile Bank	4	0	1,000
Union Insurance	0	4	.000

MIDGET LEAGUE:			
Blackhawks	3	0	1,000
Delaware	3	0	1,000
Aces	2	1	.667
Falcons	2	1	.667
Blackwks	2	1	.667
Saints	2	1	.667
P. I. Dodgers	1	2	.333

THURSDAY
CBA Ground: 10.00 a.m. Falcons v Delaware (Mid. L.); 11.30 a.m. Spartans v Delaware (Jun. League); 1.00 p.m. Aces v Black Arrows (M.L.); 2.30 p.m. Lions v Dodgers (M.L.); 4.00 p.m. Black Hawks v Blue Birds (M.L.).

RECREIO F/B Ground: 11.30 a.m. Mohawks v Saints (M.L.); 4.45 p.m. Gibbs v Stanvac (Inter-Hong).

SATURDAY
CBA Ground: 10.00 a.m. Pirates v Wildcats (Ladies Senior); 11.30 a.m. Braves v Jaguars (Senior Play-off); 1.00 p.m. McTearns v White Fangs (Ladies Junior); 3.30 p.m. Blackhawks v Jaguars (Jun. League Semi-final).

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SUNDAY
CBA Ground: 11.30 a.m. Shell v San Miguel (Inter-Hong); 1.00 p.m. Caltex v Gibbs (Inter-Hong); 2.30 p.m. Braves v Americans (Senior Play-off); 4.00 p.m. Clover v Savage (Ladies Junior).

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MONDAY
CBA Ground: 11.30 a.m. B. Hawks v Jaguars v Foxes (Junior League Championship); 1.00 p.m. Portugal vs Britain (Ladies International); 2.30 p.m. Portugal v Pakistan (Men's International); 4.00 p.m. Mercantile Bank v Civil Service (Hong).

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Glover Cup
The draw for the Glover Cup to be played on the Deep Water Bay Course and dates of play are as follows:

May 9, into the second round. Mrs. Penn v Mrs. Hunter; Mrs. Watkinson v Mrs. Harrison; Mrs. M.C. Mackie v Mrs. Smalley; Mrs. M. Stewart v Mrs. Mundy.

First round: Mrs. Cassidy v Mrs. K.S. Robertson; Mrs. J. Hale v Mrs. Strickland; Mrs. Collis v Mrs. P. Watson; Mrs. Hawkins v Mrs. Gairdner; Mrs. Wai v Mrs. Coombe; Mrs. H. Black v Mrs. Margaret; Mrs. E. Elliot v Mrs. Katoia; Mrs. A. Mackie v Mrs. Pate Hunt.

First round 16 to be played by Tuesday, April 25, second round by May 2, third round by May 25, final round by June 2 and final by June 20.

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Home soccer:

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(By "ALBION")

SCHOOLBOYS SCORE THIRD WIN

Manila, April 6.
After scoring two goals in the first nine minutes, the Hong Kong college football team went on to defeat the Ateneo de Manila team, 3-0, last night for its third straight victory here.

Tong Ping-shu, Hong Kong's inside right, scored the first goal in five minutes and Ko Po-keung, centre forward, dribbled through Ateneo's back line for the second score.

Chang Ping-leung, reserve inside right, netted the final goal in the second half after a corner pass from Chu Kam-wing.

The Hong Kong reserve goalie, Chang Hon-ping, blocked several Ateneo attempts to score in the first half—United Press.

Badminton finals tonight

The remaining four finals of the Colony Badminton Championships will be played off this evening at the Kowloon Cricket Club starting from 7.30 p.m.

These will be followed by a distribution of the prizes won during this season's League and Championship tournaments, by Lady Grantham.

TONIGHT'S GAMES
At Kowloon Cricket Club 7.30 p.m. Schoolboys' Singles Final: Benjamin Saw (An College) v K. Y. Tso (St. Paul's).

8 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles Final: W. C. Chung and Mrs. W. C. Chung (Chinese YMCA) v A. D. Brown (St. Theresa) and Mrs. M. Rosario (Recr.).

8.30 p.m. Ladies' Doubles Final: Mrs. H. E. Gonsoles and Miss M. Xavier (Recreio) v Mrs. L. F. Stokes and Mrs. A. Tamworth (Shallandars).

9 p.m. Senior Men's Doubles Doubles Final: Robert Toy and P. H. Wong (Chinese YMCA) v C. K. Lee and W. F. Foo (Chinese YMCA).

Golf:

Deep Water Bay Season opens with a Tombstone Competition

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